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**U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton appointed to Attorney General John
Ashcroft's 2003 Advisory Committee**

(San Antonio, Texas) - Attorney General John Ashcroft appointed Johnny Sutton, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas, to serve on the Attorney General's 2003 Advisory Committee. The Attorney General's Advisory Committee provides advice and counsel to the Attorney General on law enforcement issues and provides a voice for the U.S. Attorneys in making Department policy.

"I am honored to have been appointed to serve on this prestigious counsel," stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton. "Being on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, will help to ensure that the Western District of Texas has a voice in Washington." The Western District of Texas includes 68 counties and spans over 93,000 square miles with offices in San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Waco, Midland, Alpine, and Pecos.

The Advisory Committee plays a vital role in furthering the Department's law enforcement efforts. Together in partnership with state, local and federal authorities, the Advisory Committee will be crucial in advancing the Department's efforts to battle terrorism and combat corporate fraud, as well as continue its law enforcement mission in areas such as civil rights, violent crime, environmental crime and health care fraud.